meeting to be read out and the proposition whether legislation might not be introduced in at least such villages in which 75 per cent agreed to it was then put to the vote.

The proposition was lost by a majority of 92 against 60.

Reply of Government.—The question will be dropped for the present.

SUBJECT No. 44.

Shekdars to estimate and prepare bills for village improvement works.

Mr. G. Ramaswamiengar, Hassan Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Sanitary Inspectors attend to the preparation of estimates and bills for the village improvement works. They are not able to attend properly to this work in addition to their own and the requisite funds are not placed at the disposal of the villagers in time with the result that there is not rapid progress of work. Shekdars may be entrusted with this work.

Reply of Government.—The question will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 45.

Crediting the sale proceeds of vacant sites to Village Improvement Fund.

Mr. B. Narasimhaiya, Sira Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Village Improvement Committee induce the villagers to fill up the pits and hollows in the village site and make them fit for building purposes; therefore the sale proceeds of vacant sites may be allowed to be credited to Village Improvement Fund.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 46.

Contribution for Minor Tank Restoration.

Messrs. (1) and (2) P. Suryanarayana Setti, Arkalgud Taluk, Madar Sab, Gubbi Taluk, M. S. Ramachar, Kolar Municipality and (3) Shama Rao, Shimoga Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Under the Minor Tank Restoration Scheme, unless one-third of the cost of restoration is paid in advance, the construction work will not be undertaken. The villagers do not contribute readily. A tank may therefore be ordered to be restored on the strength of a mutchalika duly obtained from the villagers for the payment of contribution which may be recovered as an arrear of Land Revenue subsequently.

(2) The restoration of minor tanks is impeded owing to the non-payment of contribution by the raiyats. The contribution may be recovered in 3 or 4 annual instalments.

(3) The period for the repayment of the contribution amount advanced by way of loan may be extended to 20 years.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The question will be considered at the Deputy Commissioners' meeting.

SUBJECT No. 47.

Repairs to minor tanks.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Pavagada Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Repairs of some minor tanks are not allowed to be undertaken if the estimate exceeds the amount of revenue for ten years under the tank and hence many of the tanks are left in an unrepaired condition. This rule may be abolished so that all the tanks